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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IRAN AIR DISCOUNT FARE AGREEMENT

REF: A) TEHRAN 3228, B) TEHRAN 3021

1. RESPONDING TO KAZEMI'S SUGGESTION (REF B), DEPARTMENT OFFICER INFORMED DJAHANGUIR GHOBADI, SECOND SECRETARY, EMBASSY OF IRAN, THAT USG WOULD AGREE TO ABIDE BY UNDERSTANDING ON CHARTERS AND IRAN AIR'S DISCOUNT FARE IF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ALLOWED THE OPERATION OF US SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES TO CONTINUE WITHOUT PROBLEMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1977. GHOBADI WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT A NOVEMBER MEETING TO DISCUSS CAPACITY AND/OR REVISION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS NOT PRACTICAL BECAUSE DATA WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE AND IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT US AND IRAN DELEGATIONS MEET IN FEBRUARY AS WAS CUSTOMARY.

2. GHOBADI AGREED TO INFORM TEHRAN OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
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CONDITIONAL AND INFORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF KAZEMI'S "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" BUT REITERATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IRAN AIR WAS ANXIOUS TO MEET TO DISCUSS CAPACITY.

3. COMMENT: GHOBADI WAS TOLD THAT USG EXPECTS GOI TO PULL NO SURPRISES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. SHOULD KAZEMI BE UNABLE TO HOLD IRAN AIR IN CHECK AND/OR SHOULD PROBLEMS

DEVELOP ON EITHER SCHEDULED OR NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER THE "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" TO
MAINTAIN THE "STATUS QUO" BREACHED AND WOULD BE FORCED
TO RECONSIDER THE IRAN AIR DISCOUNT FARE.

4. FYI: GHOBADI WAS ALSO TOLD THAT DESPITE KAZEMI'S
STATEMENT THAT THERE "SEEMED TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF
OPINION AS TO WHAT WAS COVERED BY THEAGREEMENT",
THERE CAN, IN FACT, BE NO CONFUSION BECAUSE IT WAS
SPELLED OUT VERY CLEARLY, AND SLOWLY, NOT ONLY IN FORMAL
SESSIONS BUT IN PRIVATE TALKS AS WELL. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCRETELY CONFIRM AND REPORT
WHETHER CIVAIR OFFICIALS HAVE RECEIVED DEPT'S MESSAGE
RELAYED THROUGH IRAN EMBASSY.

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